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Will Sale of Potrero Power Plant Mean More Air Pollution?

By Judy Baston

The sale of Pacific Gas and Electric's Potrero Power Plant at 22nd and Illinois Streets to a private operator would undoubtedly result in increased output and emissions from the plant, admits an Environmental Impact Report (EIR) issued August 5 by the California Public Utilities Commission.

However, the EIR appears to beg the question about just how much increased pollution — with its attendant health hazards — might come from the increased output. In several cases the projected figures for pollution do not appear to be keeping pace with the predicted increase in production.

The Potrero Plant is one of a group of PG&E facilities to be put on the auction block as the result of deregulation in the energy industry. Initially, both the Potrero and Bayview-Hunters Point plants were due to be sold, and support was growing for the city to take over both, with a possible view to cutting back or shutting down the Bayview-Hunters Point plant, which activists in that community had charged was causing various health hazards.

On July 13, the city and PG&E reached an agreement under which the Hunters Point plant would eventually be shut down, and, in turn, the Potrero plant would be given the green light to expand its operations. Although Mayor Willie Brown indicated at the time the deal was

cut that "we will be working together to ensure that the operation of the Potrero plant is environmentally appropriate and is responsive to community concerns," some activists have a number of unanswered questions.

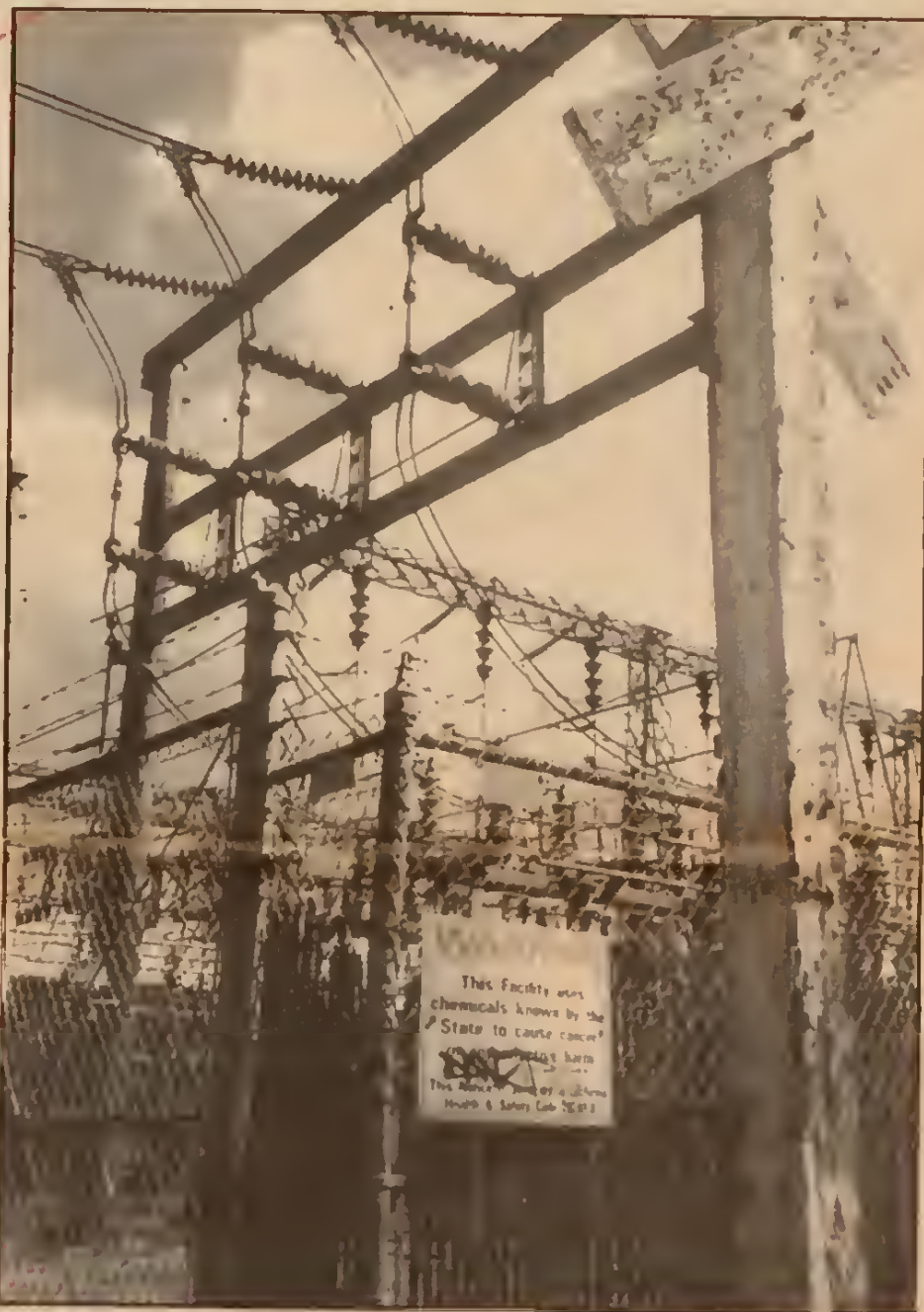
Jim Firth, President of the Potrero Hill Democratic Club, has asked the Mayor to "establish a Citizens Advisory Committee composed of three Potrero Hill residents, three Bayview Hunters Point residents and two at large residents to work with your office in its review of the selection of a new operator for the Potrero Plant.

"We believe that a new operator must recognize the unique positive characteristics of the Potrero Hill neighborhood and will be willing to support improving the overall quality of life on Potrero Hill," Firth stressed.

"We are specifically concerned about how the ground water, air and noise pollution will be reduced; how a new or renovated facility will maintain views of the Bay from Potrero Hill; how additional usable open space will access the Bay; how a long term program for community improvements will be established; how the interests of current employees at the facilities will be addressed and how employment opportunities for local residents will be achieved," he noted.

Although the EIR primarily analyzes expanded energy production at the current Potrero Plant, the hefty document contains a number of references to the possible construction of an additional

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Sturdy fencing and a sign that proclaims, "WARNING: This facility uses chemicals known by the State to cause cancer or reproductive harm," stand in front of the Potrero Power Plant at 23rd and Indiana Streets. Ruth Passen photo

WORSENING PARKING CRUNCH PROJECTED

Hillers Start Process for Residential Parking Permits

By Carol Peterson

Potrero Hill residents — concerned about the prospect of a worsening parking crunch in the neighborhood — have begun to distribute petitions to gain residential parking permits in their areas.

These residential permits, which will cost \$27 per year per vehicle after the process is completed, will restrict vehicles not displaying a permit to a two hour parking limit in affected neighborhoods.

Longtime Hill resident Babette Drefke told *The View*, "I am willing to organize and coordinate the process for the neighborhood, but those who want neighborhood preferential parking must help and cooperate by signing petitions and getting them signed." The process of getting preferential parking permits for residents is a lengthy one that must gain approval from various city agencies.

First, petitions are circulated to each block in the neighborhood. Each petition must be signed by 51 percent of the residents or businesses on a block.

A total of 250 signatures are necessary to apply for the program. These 250 signatures must come from contiguous blocks that would form a "parcel." It is possible to have several different parcels covered by parking limitations scattered throughout the Hill. Those blocks that require parking permits will have signs posted to that effect on each block.

After the petitions are collected, the Traffic Engineering Division determines

the validity of the petitions. If they are considered valid, the issue goes to a public hearing. If passed through the public hearing, the issue is sent to a Commissions Hearing (this is the overseeing body of all city commissions whose members are appointed by the Mayor). If this board passes the legislative resolution, it goes to the Mayor's Office and is signed by the Mayor himself.

The Department of Parking and Traffic then makes up signs for the affected parcels and begins to issue stickers to those who need them. Those residents of the restricted areas who do not expect to use street parking are not re-

quired to purchase stickers. This process is expected to take one year from the time the petitions are submitted to the final approval from City Hall.

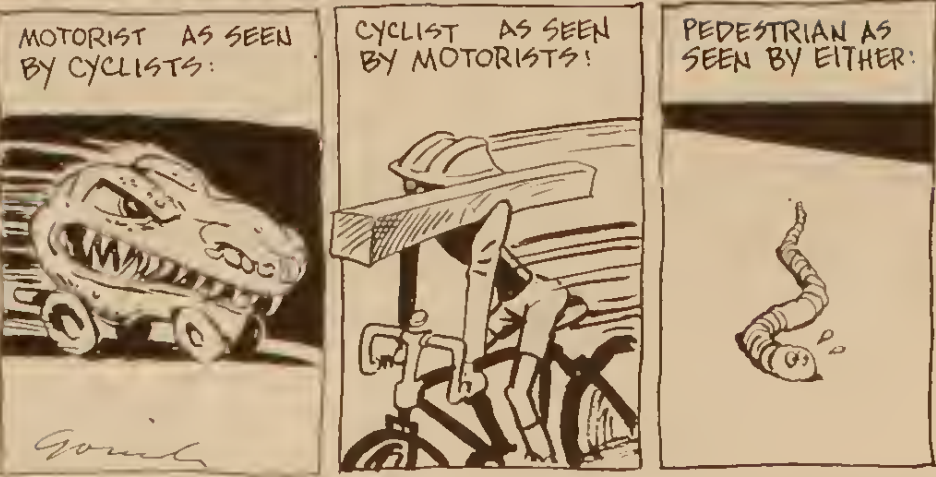
Although the primary motivation given by supporters of obtaining residential stickers is the influx of traffic that the ballpark is expected to bring to many streets throughout the Hill, another proponent of the parking program, Kelly Keith, is distributing petitions in his neighborhood for other reasons.

Keith, who lives in the area of Rhode Island and Mariposa, told *The View* that commuter parking in his neighborhood has been on the rise since the BART strike. He anticipates that the new Sega Genesis headquarters planned for the Fashion Center will make it even more difficult for local residents to park in this area.

Anyone interested in getting a petition for your block, or signing one that is already in distribution, may contact Babette Drefke at 282-5919 or Kelly Keith at 255-9926.

Economic Changes Behind Potrero Parking Squeeze

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GETTING INVOLVED

ROSES (Residents of the Southeast Sector) meets the first Thursday of each month (Sept. 3) with members of the San Francisco Police Department, to discuss issues of public concern. The forum takes place at 7 p.m. in the Community Facility downstairs at 1800 Oakdale at Phelps. This month's meeting will focus on Elder Victim Abuse and Services. Speakers will be Cynthia Alexis of the District Attorney's Office and Al Martinez for the Senior Abuse Services Project. Refreshments after the forum.

Potrero Hill Health Center Advisory Board meets the second Monday of the month (Sept. 14) from 6-7 p.m. Meetings, held at the Center at 1050 Wisconsin Street, are open to the public.

Potrero Hill Democratic Club will meet the third Tuesday of this month (Sept. 15). The meetings start at 7 p.m. at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House, 953 De Haro. The November elections will be the subject, and following a thorough discussion, members will vote on the Club's recommendations.

Starr King Park Board of Directors meets the second Wednesday evening of each odd-numbered month (next meeting: Sept. 9), in the Potrero Hill Library upstairs meeting room, 1616-20th Street. The Saturday work parties, 9:30 a.m. until noon, will continue every month on the 3rd Saturday (Sept. 19). The park is located at Carolina and 23rd Streets.

PLAN (Potrero League of Active Neighbors) meets in executive session only this month. Anyone wishing to raise an issue for consideration by the Board may phone Elizabeth at 826-6359.

Potrero Hill Boosters Neighborhood Assn. meets the last Tuesday of the month (Sept. 29) at 7 p.m. in the Potrero Hill Library, 1616-20th Street.

Potrero Hill Garden Club meets the last Sunday of the month (Sept. 27) at 11 a.m. for a potluck brunch in a local home or garden. Informal discussion will be held on a variety of subjects relating to organic, edible or ornamental gardening appropriate for Potrero Hill's particular mini-climate. Please call 648-6740 for details.



HAPPY SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAY: Art Agnos, Dorothy Baker, Zachry Barclift, Georgette Bencharsky, David Enero Berman, Robin Brasso, Richard Buckley, Rokama Elkind, Sam Elkind, Ed Farley, Nina Gilbert, Eugene Goldman, Millie Smith Hargrave, Karen Larsen, Vince Lateano, Joel Lipski, Maclovio Mailer, Leigh Marie, John and Joseph McGill, Shana Murraywolf, Michael Ohta, Stephanie Potter, Sheyl Anna Rowe, Ethel Ruymaker, Benjamin Siegal-Pechner, Isidor Tani, John Woodward, Mario Zelaya.



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TEN YEARS AGO

In The View

POTRERO HILL MARCHERS HELP KEEP KING'S DREAM ALIVE
A band of determined Potrero Hill young people flew 3,000 miles to march in tribute to a 25-year-old dream, the anniversary of the 1963 March on Washington in the greatest civil rights march in the nation's history. Joining with members of the Omega Boys Club and the Neighborhood House Girls Club, were Enola Maxwell and members of the Nabe's staff and Board of Directors.

REPORT ON MISSION BAY SILENT ON THE ARENA PROPOSAL
A 1,400 page, 13 pound, four inch thick report, issued by the Department of City Planning on the proposed Mission Bay project does not contain one word about the controversial proposal for a sports stadium at the corner of Seventh and Townsend Streets, *The View* reported in September, 1988.

VIEW EDITORIAL CONDEMNS USS MISSOURI HOMEPORTING PROPOSAL
The editorial condemned the Navy's refusal to abide by local hiring practices agreed to by the City and the Building Trades Council, and to set aside 50 percent of jobs for local residents. At a time when the City budget deficit has caused huge cuts in services, the Navy is demanding a \$5 million contribution by the City for the "privilege" of homeporting.

REZONING REQUEST FOR EAST SLOPE RAISES CONTROVERSY
Hill residents chose sides at a community meeting called to discuss proposals to rezone the heavily industrial east slope to residential use and require current industrial property to convert to residential use in 20 years. Despite these differences, neighbors united to note problems with sewage, garbage, illegal double parking and road blocking.

MAYOR ART AGNOS MOVES OFF THE HILL AFTER 22 YEARS
The family moved to a larger home in the Upper Market area in 1988, and guess who's now back on Potrero Hill? (We're happy to have you all back home!)

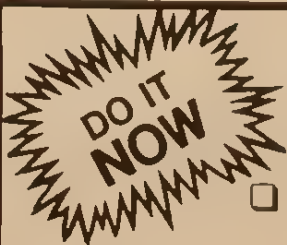
HALL OF FAMER JOE "THE JET" PERRY RECALLS THE EARLY DAYS
Perry, living in 1988 on Rhode Island Street, signed with the Niners in 1947 for \$4,500. In 1954 he became the first National Football League runner to have two consecutive 1,000-yard rushing seasons. He held the career rushing mark of 9,723 yards until it was broken by Jim Brown. He was elected to the Hall of Fame in 1969. Perry entered the game when very few black athletes were in professional sports. When he ended his playing career, he stayed on as a coach until the DeBartolo family took over the team.

KLEIN'S CELEBRATES ELEVEN YEARS IN BUSINESS
The restaurant opened in 1979, with an all-woman crew, its signature being the long list of special sandwiches named after famous women.

REC CENTER GIRL'S JUNIOR SOFTBALL TEAM WINS CITY CHAMPIONSHIP
And the Potrero View team loses to the Tenderloin Times.

AND TWENTY YEARS AGO . . .
Starr King School-Age Children's Center was to be closed by the San Francisco Unified School District as a result of a \$2 million cutback in child care funds because of loss of property tax revenues after passage of Proposition 13 . . . Photography class members from the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House and the Potrero Hill Youth Council visited football star O. J. Simpson at the 49er training camp. . . Registered nurses sounded a warning over unacceptable working conditions at SF General Hospital. Forced overtime and double shifts are demanded of nurses, resulting in many nurses leaving the hospital . . . Proposition 13 was the main topic at a town hall meeting called by Supervisor Robert Gonzales. Nurses, Muni drivers and rec-park employees have all been cut back. . . Supervisor Diane Feinstein offered a modification of her anti-porn zoning ordinance . . . SF Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation offered free help with problems in housing, Social Security, employment, veterans affairs, Medi-Cal, immigration, divorce, adoption, and paternity to people who could not otherwise afford legal representation . . . Potrero Annex was slated to receive federal funding of \$400,000 from the Dept. of Housing and Urban Development to revitalize and improve low-rent public housing . . . Hill resident Lenny Anderson was to present an evening of contemporary, traditional and original songs of the Americas at The Other Cafe . . . the SF Art Festival was to go ahead in spite of Prop. 13 spending cuts . . . The Pickle Family Circus returned to San Francisco after a nine-week tour of Northern California, Oregon and Washington, with four free performances in Golden Gate Park. . . Potrero Hill musician Chris Foster built original avant garde musical instruments. . . Potrero Hiller Bruce Franks, a CCSF student, won an award for outstanding service to the Associated Students and a \$200 scholarship, before transferring to UC Berkeley.

— Bernie Gershater



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NEW RECORD SET BY SUMMER READERS

While we fell 16 short of registering our goal of 200 members of the Summer Reading Club, the 184 who registered broke all previous records, and so did the 88 children and six teens who participated, as well as the 48 children who read eight hours or more and the six teens who read three books or more.

Potrero Hill is growing a generation of youth who are learning the habit of reading. The ratio of children participating and finishing who are non-white is increasing in relation to those who are Caucasian, and the number of African-American children who participate in the program has increased to approximately 14 percent of the total number.

We are very pleased about these figures, and proud of the youth they represent: their record flies in the face of the media barrage of negative publicity about urban youth. We worked hard to serve the children, and the children worked hard to accomplish their goals. Congratulations one and all! On to 200 — next year!

FALL REORGANIZATION UNDERWAY

Thanks to donations from Friends of the San Francisco Public Library and Anchor Brewing Company, we will soon be mounting new magazine storage and display units in the adult reading room. The new storage capacity will free up shelves now being used to store back periodicals so that they can house books.

The current periodicals display unit will be used in the children's room for children's magazines and the children's reference collection. The current children's reference shelf will be added to the Esquina Teen/Teen Corner to afford more shelf space for the growing teen collection. In addition, the video collection has a new spinner display. If the new setup stymies you, just ask for help!

FUN AND FUNNER CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS DISPLAY

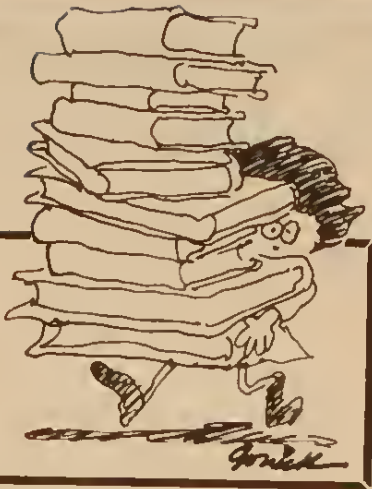
"In The Mornin', In The Evenin', Ain't We Got Fun?" is the title of an exhibit in the display case this September. It is a collection of memorabilia from children's programs at the Potrero Branch over the years. It includes crafts that children have made and photographs from a range of children's events, including storytelling, crafts programs, singers, acrobats, dance performances, etc. Behind the display is the Scary Story quilt that children here made almost a decade ago. Come in and see whether you or a child you know is pictured in the display.

"NO STINKIN BADGES" OR "OUT OF THE MOUTHS OF BABES," A LIBRARY DRAMA IN TWO (SMALL) PARTS

The following is an exchange between regular library patron, Lucas Tejada,

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Thursday: 10 am - 6 pm
Friday: 1 pm - 6 pm
Saturday: Noon - 6 pm



aged 3 at the time of the exchange earlier this year, and Toba Singer, Children's Librarian.

[Lucas approaches the librarian's desk]
LT: Toba, what's that thing from your neck?
TS: Oh, that's a badge, Luke.
LT: Well, Toba, how come you're wearing a badge?
TS: So people will know who I am.
LT: I already know who you are. You're Toba.

[Five minutes later after Luke has perused some juvenile picture stories]
LT: Toba, WHY are you wearing that thing from your neck?
TS: Luke, my boss says that I have to.
LT: Why?
TS: Because the boss wants people to know who I am.
LT: Show me the part that tells who you are.
TS: There's no part with my name. My name isn't on the badge. There's a picture of me and a number.
[Holds out the badge so Luke can see]
LT: Is it your phone number?
TS: No, just a number that the city gave me.
LT: So how will they know you're Toba?
TS: [The following are words librarians are trained to avoid saying except when the most extreme conditions obtain] I'm sorry, Luke, I don't know how they'll know I'm Toba. I guess they'll have to ask
LT: So, Toba why are you wearing that thing from your neck?
TS: [A tad testy now] BEE-cause my boss says I have to. I can't explain why.
LT: Did that boss say if you can take it off when you go to sleep?
TS: The boss didn't say, but I think I can, yes.

LT: Do I have to wear a thing from my neck?
TS: [softening] No, Luke, you don't. Not so far.
[Luke returns to his perusals. The librarian returns to tabulating figures for her monthly report.]

CHILDREN'S PROGRAMS

Infant and Toddler Lapsit takes place on Thursday, September 3, 10, 17, and 24 at 10:30 a.m. Story Time takes place on Wednesday, September 9, 16, 23 and 30 at 7:30 p.m. The film "Red Balloon" will be shown on Tuesday, September 1, at 10 a.m. and Wednesday, September 2, at 7:30 p.m.

STORY TIME IS WHERE IT'S AT!

If you're between the ages of three and five and can't find your friends on Wednesday nights, look for them at the Potrero Library. With the help of Kristen Wurz and Dave Matsuda of the Potrero Hill Parents Assn., Story Time attendance has grown like the carrot in the story "The Carrot Seed." Join the crowd every Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. for stories to make you dream.

CHILEAN DANCE TROUPE TO PERFORM

Join us on Saturday, September 5, at 4 p.m. for a folkloric performance by the Chilean dance troupe, Grupo Araucaria. A treat for all ages.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER

- * McGraw, Milena. "After Dunkirk." Comes very close to "The English Patient" in its treatment of love and loss during World War II.
- * Iellenga, Robert. "The Fall of a Sparrow: a novel." Masterly follow up to author's widely acclaimed, "The Sixteen Pleasures." Steeped in the ambience of 1980s Italian academia.
- * Menaker, Daniel. "The Treatment." A Manhattan private school teacher spends years with a Cuban, Freudian, controlling psychiatrist. Triumphant satire of Freudianism gone amok, and a quintessential picture of the New York middle class.
- * Tremain, Rose. "The Way I Found Her." Bittersweet novel of a 13-year-old English boy puzzling over life and love in Paris, reminiscent of "Catcher in the Rye" and "A Separate Peace," with a touch of Colette thrown in.
- * Hopkinson, Nalo. "Brown Girl in the Ring." Toronto's economy has collapsed and those who remain behind must farm in the park, and hunt pigeons and squirrels for meat, avoid The Posse, the gang that controls the streets. Jamaican-born author makes debut with this imaginative work.
- * Lemos, Charles. "Everybody's San Francisco Cookbook." Recipes celebrate the city's best ethnic cooking.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: BOOKS ON ORDER FOR CHILDREN

- * Wolf, Jack. "Daddy, Could I Have an Elephant?"
- * McCully, Emily Arnold. "Beautiful Warrior: The Legend of the Nun's Kung Fu"
- * Cheatham, Kae. "Dennis Banks: Native American Activist"
- * Friedhoffer, Robert. "More Magic Tricks, Science Facts"
- * Poynter, Margaret. "The Leakeys: Uncovering the Origins of Humankind"

Toba Singer
Branch Librarian

Summer Reading Program
At Potrero Branch Library

OVER THE TOP READERS

	NUMBER OF HOURS
Isabel Fife	75
Julia Tejada	48
Kate Gong	30
Anthony Ng	24
Allyson Schrader	21.5
Lucas Tejada	21
Eli Purpura-Pontoniere	20.5
Shanita Henderson	20.25
Brigitte Kelly	19.8
DeNita Motta	19.5
Lilly Page-Blau	17.5
Maya Erickson	17
Eliza Sung	14
Steven Gong	13
Celia Robertson	12.25
Simone Ford	12
Tiane Kneerim	12
Elise Hernandez	11.8
Patrick Boileau	11.75
Oriana Schaaf	11.25
Hannah Waldschmidt	11
Arielle Anthony	10.9
Liam Ford	10.5
Barrett Reiter	10.5
Jessica Minton	10.25
Aidan Schuman	10.09
Niall Kneerim	10
Oona Robertson	9.75
Aaron Pagel	9.5
Zander Walbridge	9.25
Jessica Collins	9
Bonita Cuanang	8.75
Jimmy Grusky-Issel	8.75
Diana Minton	8.75
Jasmin Cole	8.5
Rio Klein	8.5
Rachelle Anthony	8.35
Petra DeMattran	8.08
Kaya Bandele	8
Troy Cole	8
Maggie Doyle	8
Nora Lalle	8
Eli Rudnick	8

Max Schrader	8
Alexandra Suarez	8
Sofia Suarez	8
Everett Wurz	8

PARTICIPANTS

Eva Brydson	7.88
Dimitri Staszewski	7.5
Christina Johnson	7.41
Jesse Bok	6.6
Emily Pierce	6.48
Zara De Mattran	6.42
Sarah Ward	6
Aliseo Purpura-Pontoniere	5.75
Roxanna Contreras	5.7
Debbie Walsh	5.18
Ruben Staszewski	5.41
Victor Nuhl	5
Holly Bok	4.16
Silvano Purpura-Pontoniere	4.25
Wilson Gi	4.1
Yael Chanoff	4
Claire Huysentruyt	4
John Zerbe	4
Claire Zerbe	4
Willa Sweeney	4
Lucia Purpura-Pontoniere	4
Nina Purpura-Pontoniere	3.7
Chloe Franklin	3.75
Pierre Mabbayad	3
Katherine Ward	3
Sophia Simard	2.95
Lane Johnston	2.25
Flavia Purpura-Pontoniere	2
Jackie Luong	2
Jake Plut	1.5
Alexis Schredl	1.6
Siobhan Hawkins	1
Sunny Klein	1
Nina Nakao	1
Daisy Spoer	1
Azul Eckman	1
Kerwin Ferrette	1
Henry Hawkins	1



Participants in Potrero Library's Summer Reading Program gather with their certificates after Awards Ceremony held August 21 at the Library.
Judy Baston photo

Hill Clinic Adds Services For Mental Health, Drugs

The Caleb G. Clark Potrero Hill Health Center has recently begun two long-awaited services for its primary care patients — both individual and group mental health services, as well as substance abuse services.

The City and County Dept. of Public Health administers the 22 year-old health center through its health services arm, the Community Health Network (CHN) of San Francisco. The CHN, in collaboration with the Department's Mental Health Division and the University of California San Francisco (UCSF), has initiated this major expansion of on-site services within the past few months. Similar services have also started at most of the CHN's seven other community health centers.

These services are available to all currently registered primary care patients. Appointments are made through the patient's primary care medical provider.

Mental health services, which started last April, are provided by experienced mental health professionals who are chosen based on the patient's age. Children and adolescents are seen by either Dr. Opal Thornton or Janice Wong, Licensed Clinical Social Worker. Each is available at the center once each week. Geriatric patients (over 55) are seen by either Dr. Paul Heim (available monthly) or Linda Librize, R.N., in the clinic once weekly.

Patients are evaluated during one to four visits. Those individuals needing more intensive mental health services are referred to the SFGH/UCSF Department of Psychiatry or the City's Division of Mental Health Services. The patient's primary care provider at the Center continues to manage overall care with the help of these specialist consultations.

Substance abuse services were started in August. Calvin "Cregg" Johnson, a Dept. of Public Health (DPH) Health Worker, comes to the center with more than four years of experience counseling

substance abusing and at-risk clients at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House. His work in this field stretches back many years and he has extensive contacts throughout the Bay Area's network of support agencies.

He sees patients of any age and ethnicity, and, if appropriate, family members or others who are affected by the patient's substance abuse problem. He assesses the patient's current and past behaviors, provides motivational counseling, and, if necessary, refers needy patients to other support services, including in-patient and long-term programs. As with the center's mental health consultations, the patient's primary care provider maintains a central role in coordinating and overseeing care.

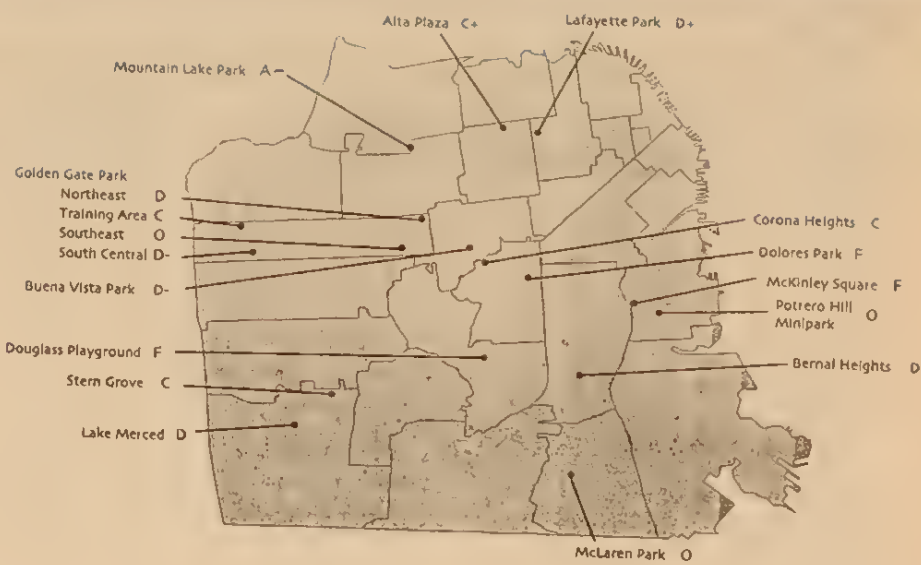
Those patients who have both mental health and substance abuse problems can be seen by members of both new services. The mental health professional and Johnson will coordinate their approach on a case-by-case basis, along with the patient's primary care MD or Nurse Practitioner.

Individuals who currently are not patients of the Health Center and yet need these new services are asked to call the Center for an appointment with a medical provider (648-3022). This will assure the mental health or substance abuse team member that the medical issues are evaluated and that ongoing medical consultation and treatment is available.

The Health Center has medical providers — and nurses, social worker, dentists, and others — who have been continuously serving the Potrero Hill and surrounding communities from five to 22 years. All the medical staff are City/County DPH employees who have active UCSF faculty appointments

The addition of these new on-site services, as well as the Immunization Clinic that opened at the Health Center in August, will make it much easier for primary care patients to get what they need without having to figure out a complicated new system or to travel across town for an initial evaluation. It will also be easier now to gain access to some of the off-site services that have often had very long waiting lists. This new effort has the backing of Mayor Willie Brown, the Health Commission, the Dept. of Public Health leadership and Health Center staff in an attempt to provide more comprehensive 'one-stop' services and treatment on demand, to those who seek care within the Community Health Network of San Francisco.

Michael Drennan, M.D.
Potrero Hill Health Center



Dog Parks on the Hill Fail to Make the Grade

The two "official dog areas" on Potrero Hill where off-leash exercise is permitted have failed the grade, according to a Report Card on Official Dog Runs released August 17 by the San Francisco Dog Owners Group (SFDOG).

The report is based on standards for urban off-leash dog areas that an SFDOG task force developed through four months of consultation, research and discussion. They include minimum safety criteria such as protection from arterial traffic, and basic services such as garbage cans and regular maintenance.

The Potrero Hill Minipark at 22nd Street between Arkansas and Connecticut Streets was given the grade of "D," and the Report Card noted the "area is unmarked and the dog run appears to be an undeveloped easement where 22nd Street would go through. It is filled with foxtails."

The park was rated "poor" in areas of layout safety and litter hazards, and "unsatisfactory" in areas of plant hazards, site identification marker, garbage cans, signs with rules, poop bags, and maintenance.

The other designated "official dog area" on the Hill, the west slope of

McKinley Square at San Bruno Avenue and 20th Street, received an "F" on the Report Card, which noted the area is an "unguarded cliff over 101. ACC-posted warning about potentially poisoned raw hamburger found there." SFDOGS added that it is "steep, heavily brushed and choked with foxtail grasses," and that "it drops abruptly into Highway 101 without fencing or any other barrier."

Although the area received "satisfactory" grades in areas of litter hazards and garbage cans, it was rated "unsatisfactory" in safe layout, plant hazards, site identification markers, signs with rules, poop bags and maintenance.

SFDOGS may be contacted at 339-7461 or at their website <http://www.sfdog.org>.



Potrero Hill Neighborhood House

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Enola D. Maxwell, Executive Director

ON-GOING MEETINGS:

- Al-Anon Thursdays, 6:30 pm
- Alcoholics Anonymous Sun, Mon 8:00 pm/Thurs, 8:30 pm
- Girls/Boys Club Mondays, 4:00 pm
- Narcotics Anonymous Wednesdays, 8:00 pm
- Omega Boys Club Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

FACILITIES:

- Auditorium for theatre presentations, lectures, weddings, workshops and receptions
- Bulletin board with employment and event listings
- Gymnasium and recreational space
- Meeting spaces available for use by community groups
- Mini-park

ACTIVITIES & SERVICES:

- After School/Summer Youth Activities
- Arts and Crafts
- Food Distribution
- Gang Prevention
- Girls/Boys Club
- Graffiti Paint Out
- Juvenile Probation
- Home Supervision
- Peer Counseling
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- Senior Nutrition Program
- Social Development Center
- Tutoring Program
- Youth Employment MYEEP/SYETP
- Job Readiness
- ZAP Project (substance abuse day treatment for adolescents)

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7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Wednesday, Sept. 9th
Thursday, Oct. 8th**

Visitacion Valley
Schlage Lock Company
2401 Bayshore Boulevard
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

**Thursday, Sept. 17th
Wednesday, Oct. 7th**

**Mission Bay/Central Waterfront/
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San Francisco State University
452 Market Street, CEL
Downtown Center, Room 2601
7:00 - 9:00 p.m.

For questions about the project call 415/703-6655.

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GROWTH IN FOOD, BUSINESS AREAS

Decentralizing Economy Marks Changes in Potrero

By Judy Baston

If you have been thinking that Potrero Hill is getting more crowded lately, a study issued in June by the San Francisco Planning Department shows you're not just imagining things.

Entitled "San Francisco's Neighborhoods: Evolving Economic Activities," the new study compared economic activities in 1983 and 1994 in 16 different San Francisco neighborhoods. It grouped the neighborhoods in three sectors - Downtown: Ring Neighborhoods, a category of neighborhoods that surrounds downtown and includes Potrero Hill; and Outlying Neighborhoods.

Potrero - which includes the Hill and part of South of Market - is "economically vital," the study notes. "In 1995 it was tied for third among San Francisco's highest revenue generators (eight percent of the citywide total)".

This conclusion is especially noteworthy given the current controversy over the massive development proposal by San Francisco Planning and Urban Research (SPUR), which is based on the claim that Lower Potrero Hill is essentially an economic wasteland.

The Planning Department study notes that from 1983 to 1994, some activities are decentralizing from downtown to other neighborhoods, especially including Potrero Hill. While the Financial District still had the most Professional and Business Services in 1994, the study points out, "the two ring neighborhoods of SOMA (South of Market) and Potrero have the next greatest activity concentration and are growing."

Also growing in the Potrero area are eating and drinking establishments. Between 1983 and 1994, Marina/Fillmore, Richmond and Potrero gained 3,000 jobs in eating and drinking places - an increase of 1,124 in Potrero alone - while the Financial District and the Downtown/Union Square Retail District lost 2,100 such jobs. "This growth is partly fueled by regional visitors traveling to these neighborhoods to eat," the study notes.

What does this growth in decentralized work locations mean for Potrero Hill?

"It often means that employees drive their automobiles to work because transit does not effectively serve dispersed locations," the study points out, underscoring the increasing parking crunch on and near Potrero Hill.

And with the growth in economic activity in the Potrero area has come a steep increase in people living in the district, the study notes, citing figures from the 1980 and 1990 federal censuses.

In 1990, 16,900 people, about two percent of San Francisco's total population, lived in the area designated as Potrero in "San Francisco Neighborhood Profiles 1997." This is a 26 percent increase since 1980. In 1990, there were about 6,700 households, a 32 percent increase since 1980.

The study also noted other data for Potrero area residents:

* In 1980 residents in the district were 57 percent white and 20 percent African American; while in 1990, whites constituted 61 percent, African Americans 18 percent.

* The educational level of area residents was slightly higher than that of the city in general. In the Potrero area, 38 percent had earned a bachelor's or advanced degree, compared to 35 percent for San Francisco as a whole. And a lower percentage than citywide (32 percent versus 40 percent) had an educational level of high school or less.

* Median income in the Potrero area was seven percent higher than the citywide median for all ethnic groups - but there was a significant racial disparity in the figures. While whites in the Potrero area earned 14 percent above the median for that group, African Americans in the district earned 27 percent below the median for African Americans citywide.

* A higher percentage of Potrero area residents (74 percent) rented their home than the citywide figure (65 percent). And in the summer of 1977 - even before the most recent spiral in housing prices - median sales prices in the Potrero area were, for single family homes, \$347,000 (20 percent above the citywide median); for two- and three-family homes, \$414,500 (two percent above citywide median), but for condominiums, \$215,000 (20 percent beneath the citywide median).

The Planning Department study notes that in 1994, nearly 34,700 people worked in the Potrero neighborhood - nearly seven percent of the total citywide workforce. More than half these jobs, the study points out, were in the industrial sector. Census data notes that in 1990, 21 percent of jobs in Potrero were considered "low-skill" - compared to 18 percent of citywide jobs.

"The industrial sector provided the majority of these low-skill jobs, with 66 percent of the low-skill total, compared to providing 32 percent of citywide low-skill jobs. Retail contributed 18 percent of the neighborhood's low-skill employment," the study notes.

A table on Page 5 illustrates the changes in Potrero employment patterns between 1983 and 1994.

Potrero District Economic Activity	1983	1994	Percent Change
Finance, Real Estate, Corporate Jobs	544	1,278	+134%
Finance, Real Estate, Corporate Establishments	133	118	-11%
Information-based Business Service Jobs	3,695	6,882	+86%
Information-based Business Service Establishments	163	493	+202%
Construction Jobs	1,700	1,314	-22%
Construction Establishments	89	95	+6.7%
Manufacturing Jobs	7,198	7,247	+0.06%
Manufacturing Establishments	227	254	+11.8%
Transport, Communication & Public Utilities Jobs	3,624	7,552	+108.3%
Transport, Communication & Public Utilities Establishments	78	110	+41%
Wholesale Jobs	5,336	4,108	-23%
Wholesale Establishments	273	288	+5.4%
Eating and Drinking Establishment Jobs	292	1,416	+385%
Eating and Drinking Establishments	52	100	+92.3%
Comparison Retail Jobs	395	354	-10.3%
Comparison Retail Establishments	8	23	+187.5%
Convenience Retail Jobs	1,048	1,571	+49.9%
Convenience Retail Establishments	115	224	+94.7%
Hotel Jobs	23	33	+43.4%
Hotel Establishments	4	4	0
Health Care Offices and Facilities Jobs	152	204	+34.2%
Health Care Offices and Facilities (not Hospital)	7	18	+157%

Tree Plantings Slated for Hill In September and October

Tree plantings on Potrero Hill are scheduled for September 19 and October 17 by Friends of the Urban Forest (FUF).

On September 19, trees will be planted in the area between 15th, Mariposa, Vermont and Carolina Streets. The Neighborhood Contact for this area is Jim Philpott, telephone 826-7500.

On October 17, trees will be planted in the area between 23rd, Mariposa, and Carolina Streets and Highway 101. Neighborhood Contact is Martin Silverman, telephone 457-5506.

To sign up for a tree, which costs \$25 each, or to get more information about Friends of the Urban Forest, call the neighborhood organizer listed above.

FUF, a non-profit, citizen tree planting organization, plans street trees in a different neighborhood every Saturday morning. Since 1981, FUF has worked with neighborhood residents and volunteers to plant more than 27,000 trees in San Francisco.

Police Helipad Proposed For Former Shipyard Area

The San Francisco Police Dept. has proposed to construct a 70,000 square-foot paved helicopter takeoff and landing pad on a currently vacant level lot at the former Hunters Point Naval Shipyard facility, near the southeastern corner of Manseau and Hussey Streets.

The San Francisco Redevelopment Agency's proposed reuse plan for the shipyard, adopted last year, calls for industrial use of the helipad site, and Maritime Industrial uses beneath the proposed flight path.

An environmental review document - a Preliminary Negative Declaration for the project - is available from the City Planning Dept. under Case File 97.642E. If you would like a copy of the Preliminary Negative Declaration or have questions concerning environmental review of the proposed project, contact Brian J. Kalahar of the Office of Environmental Review at 558-6359.

Previous proposals to build commercial heliports at the eastern edge of Potrero Hill have met with stiff opposition from neighborhood groups.

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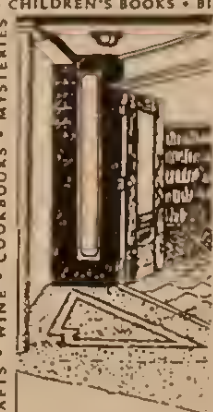
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Will Higher Production Mean More Pollution?

(Continued from Page 1)

plant in the city. At an August 24 public meeting on the EIR at the Bayview Opera House, Firth asked whether a second plant could, in fact, be built on the Potrero grounds. While CPUC representatives did not deny the possibility of that happening, they emphasized that construction of a new power plant at or near Potrero would require a new review and approval process.

The Potrero plant operates at roughly 25 percent of its capacity, CPUC representatives told the several dozen people at the August 24 meeting, but it is estimated that a new owner might initially operate it at 44 percent of its capacity and by 2005 level the output to 40 percent of capacity.

"A new buyer of such a power plant could have an economic incentive to operate the facility at higher levels," the EIR admits. "A plant that is the primary income-generating (and energy-generating) asset of a new owner could be run very differently than when it was owned in common with the many other plants within PG&E's Northern and Central California's integrated system."

What would such an increase in output mean for a potential increase in pollution and health hazards? And what would those increases mean for the residents of Potrero Hill? As one concerned participant in the August 24 meeting put it, "Would the air know to stop at Third Street?"

The EIR cites data on current levels of what it calls "Criteria Air Pollutants" — substances that meet certain criteria and cause health problems — and toxic pollutants, substances that are known to be carcinogenic. For the past five years, a number of these substances have been monitored at the Arkansas Street Air Quality Monitoring Station, which is located approximately 1.1 miles northwest of the Potrero Power Plant.

However, the EIR admits, "wind speeds at the plant average about eight miles per hour and are predominantly from the west." This means that the area potentially most affected by air pollution from the plant is in the opposite direction from the Monitoring Station.

But the EIR claims that a "maximumly exposed individual" (MEI) — a worst-case scenario of an area resident exposed to the potential toxics for 70 years — would only face a health risk of 0.23 in a million of getting cancer. The "significance standard" in this case — the level at which one is officially allowed to become alarmed — is 10 in a million. For non-cancer chronic ailments, the MEI's maximum health risk is set at 0.03, with the significance standard 1, and for non-cancer acute ailments, the MEI's maximum health risk is 0.2, with the significance standard set at 1.

Among the non-cancer causing contaminants identified in the EIR (although with levels labeled 'not significant') are: ozone, which can irritate the eyes and cause respiratory illness; carbon monoxide, which can reduce oxygen to the brain; and particulate matter, which is associated with increased risk of respiratory disease.

The complete EIR is available for reference at the Potrero Branch Library and may be viewed at the website <http://www.pgdivest.com>

A hearing to receive public comment on the EIR is slated for Sept. 15 from 7-9 p.m. at the California Public Utilities Commission Auditorium, 505 Van Ness Ave. The deadline for submitting public comments on the EIR is Sept. 21. Comments may be submitted in writing to Bruce Kareshiro, EIR Project Manager, c/o Environmental Science Associates, 225 Bush St., Suite 1700, San Francisco, Ca. 94104; fax: 415/896-0332; or e-mail to: tmorgan@esassoc.com

Evening of Entertainment All Around Potrero Hill Scheduled for October 10

Juliana Hatfield, Mare Winningham, Sol Fire, Orix, The Blues Fuse and many other hit performers will highlight an evening of entertainment all around Potrero Hill on Saturday, October 10.

There is entertainment for almost every taste, in a night of festivities sponsored by the Potrero Hill Merchant's Assn., with all proceeds benefiting the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House.

The variety of styles at different Potrero Hill venues includes: Comedy at Goat Hill Pizza featuring Tom Ammanno and Kurt Weitzmann; Latin/Ska/Hip-Hop/Funk at The Ramp; acoustic music at Farley's; Salsa at Cafe Cocomo; Singer/actress Mare Winningham at the Connecticut Yankee; Swing lessons at the Monte Cristo Club; Juliana Hatfield and other rock groups at Bottom of the

Hill; dance lessons and a jitterbug party at Metronome Ballroom.

Bloom's features The Blues Fuse (with blues patriachs Art Harris and "Shep" Shepherd — 76 and 81 respectively); two big bands at the Potrero Hill Neighborhood House — Anibade with vocalist Ledisi, and Sol Fire, a Latin/Funk dance band; and the World Gym features DJ dance.

Admission to the listed events is \$20 for a laminated pass good for access to all venues, although some places will charge a door fee to the individual event.

Motorized cable cars will provide transportation to and from all venues throughout the evening. Most of the listed entertainment will begin at 9 p.m.

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(Raffle drawlag at 12:00 Noon)

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A PAUL ROBESON CENTENNIAL EXHIBIT, featuring portraits and chronology of the life of Paul Robeson, will be on view through Sept. 30, in the Main Library, African American Center, Third Floor.

CELEBRATION OF CRAFTSWOMEN: Volunteers are needed for the 20th anniversary Celebration of Craftswomen, on the weekends of Dec. 5-6 and 12-13 at Fort Mason Center's Herbst Pavilion. The Celebration of Craftswomen, the largest juried women's crafts fair in the United States, is annually presented by the Women's Building. Volunteers receive a free t-shirt, parking and refreshments. Call 731-1818.

THE ARTHRITIS FOUNDATION is calling for volunteers for the Arthritis Self Help Course leadership training. One training session will be held on Thursday, Sept. 17, Friday, Sept. 18, and Friday, Sept. 25, at El Camino Hospital in Mountain View. Another training will be held Friday, Oct. 23, Saturday, Oct. 24, at Marin General Hospital in Greenbrae. For more information call the Northern California Chapter at 1-800-464-6240.

UCSF SEEKS WOMEN WITH HAIR LOSS FOR STUDY - Women with hereditary hair thinning are needed for a UCSF study of treatments for this form of hair loss. The study will compare two strengths of Minoxidil (also known as Rogaine). The study will last for one year and require nine visits. Women must be 18 to 60 years of age, in good general health, have dark hair and good hair/scalp contrast. Participants will receive free physical exams, and compensation of \$490 at the completion of the study. For more information call 476-3638.

THE SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER OF THE SPCA wants volunteers as cat socializers, dog walkers and adoption counselors. Orientations are held Tuesdays, Sept. 1, 15, and 29 from 5-7 p.m. and Saturdays, Sept. 12 and 26, from 10 a.m. to noon, at the SPCA Education Center, 243 Alabama St. For more information call 554-3087.

RACE, SEX, AND THE ECONOMICS OF BREAST CANCER. Radical Women hosts a panel discussion with Breast Cancer Action Executive Director Barbara Brenner and feminist health activist Merle Woo about the links between the medical establishment, the environment, and modern industry, and the effects of racism, misogyny, and class bias in the growing breast cancer epidemic. The forum will be held on Thursday, September 10 at 7:30 p.m., at New Valencia Hall, 1908 Mission Street in San Francisco (near 16th St. BART). A homecooked dinner will be served at 6:30 p.m., \$6.50 donation. All are welcome. For more information call (415) 864-1278.



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PACIFIC RIM SCULPTORS CROUP announces its Fourth Annual Members Exhibition, Sept. 10 to Oct. 26, at the Contract Design Center, 600 Townsend Street at 6th Street. The focus is on recent works. Forty-one members of the Group will fill the Lobby and Sculpture Courtyard with their works. Admission is free and open to the public Monday through Friday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. An artists' reception will be held on Thursday, Sept. 10 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. Contacts are Vince Koloski at 822-8194 or the Pacific Rim Sculptors Croup at 647-PRSG (647-7774).

WHAT WE KNOW ABOUT SUCCESSFUL ACINC will be the theme of the September membership meeting of The San Francisco Chapter of the Older Women's League (OWL). The discussion will be led by Phyllis Sturges, Associate Professor Emeritus, College of Social Work, San Jose State University. The meeting will be Saturday, Sept. 26, 10 a.m. to 12:15 p.m. Phone the OWL office at 665-0380 for location.

FRIENDS OF THE SF PUBLIC LIBRARY are holding a silent auction of rare and unique books Thursday, Sept. 10, from 4-7 p.m. More than 100,000 new and used books will be sold during the annual book sale, which runs through Sunday, Sept. 13. More than 1,000 compact discs will also be offered at \$3 each. Admission to the auction on Thursday is \$15, and free to members of the Friends of the Library. Admission is free on Friday, Saturday and Sunday. Hours are 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. All books are \$1 or less on Sunday only. The sale is at Herbst Pavilion, Fort Mason Center. For more information contact Margie O'Driscoll at 557-4257.

OPENING RECEPTION FOR "THROUGH MY FATHER'S EYES: PIONEERS OF THE SF FILIPINO-AMERICAN COMMUNITY" will be held Sept. 9 from 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. in the Main Library, Latino/Hispanic Community Meeting Room, 100 Larkin Street. The exhibition is a display of black and white photographs by Ricardo Alvarado portraying Filipino life in the 1950s in the Bay Area. It will be open from Sept. 9 through Nov. 30. An adjunct exhibition of material about Ricardo Alvarado will be on display at the same time.

THE SAN FRANCISCO HISTORY ASSN. presents Lynn Bonfield, telling the story of a rural Vermont family that moved to San Francisco in the 1850s. Ms. Bonfield has been the director of the Labor Archives and Research Center at SF State University since 1985. The meeting will be Thursday, Sept. 16, at 7:15 p.m. at the Cannery, Third Floor Conference Center, Leavenworth and Beach Streets.

THE LATEST TRENDS in the International Gift Market will be showcased in the annual Under One Roof Labor Day Sidewalk Sale. The sale consists of donated samples from the recent SF International Gift Fair, including greeting cards and stationary, children's books, woven boxes, imported bath products, gourmet food products and many one-of-a-kind gift samples. The sale is for the benefit of AIDS service organizations throughout Northern California. It begins Friday, Sept. 4 through Monday, Sept. 7, from 11 a.m. to 7 p.m. daily at 2362 Market Street, between Noe and Castro.

CITY COLLEGE OF SAN FRANCISCO offers a short-term course entitled "Health Education/Childhood Asthma." The course will be taught by Dr. Marcellina Ogbu. Topics to be explored include: Why asthma is so common and so serious in Bayview/Hunters Point; How to prevent asthma attacks; What to do in an emergency; Asthma medications and how to use them. Classes will meet Saturdays, Sept. 12 through Oct. 3, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., on the CCSF Southeast Campus, 1800 Oakdale Avenue. Enrollment is \$12 plus a health fee of \$11. Students will earn one elective unit towards City College's Community Health Worker Certificate.

UCSF SEEKS VOLUNTEERS FOR A HAIR REMOVAL STUDY. The study will evaluate the safety and efficacy of the Laserscope Nd:Yag Laser system in the removal of hair from the face and the upper body. The study will be conducted by the Dermatologic Surgery Unit at UCSF. Participants must be 21 years or older, have light colored skin and unwanted brown or black hair on their face, abdomen, arms, back, or chest, and have had no previous laser or light source treatment for hair removal, and be willing to complete follow-up visits at one week, one month, and three months after the procedure. For more information call 476-6100, ext. 5-3686.

COCKTAIL TABLES SALE TO BENEFIT NON-PROFIT AGENCY. Trendy tables in red, blue, green and natural made by Asian Neighborhood Design's cabinet-making training program are now available to the general public. The two-foot round plywood table with cast iron bases sell for \$35 each or \$30 each if more than one is purchased. They are available by appointment only at the downtown SF office. Call 982-2959.

THE BAY AREA VIDEO COALITION announces a call for entries for the 8th biannual James D. Phelan Award, sponsored by the San Francisco Foundation. A total of \$7,500 in cash will be shared by two video artists who were born in California and whose body of work merits recognition for its creativity, innovation and contribution to the language of video. The awards will be presented during a public reception and screening of the artists' work. Deadline for receipt of applications is Oct. 9. Applications can be found at BAVC's web site at www.bavc.org or by phone at 861-3282 ext. 519.

UCSF IS OFFERING FREE EDUCATIONAL WORKSHOPS ABOUT DEPRESSION for adults 60 and older. Participants in the four-week program will learn about depression and treatments for it. Classes are currently being formed and will be held at UCSF Parnassus Avenue campus. For more information call 476-7817.

FREE SENIOR DAY AT THE EXPLORATORIUM SEPT. 9. The Exploratorium will offer free admission to seniors 65 and older during a special Senior Day during its current exhibition on Memory. Sponsored by Secure Horizons and the Alzheimer's Association, seniors will be admitted free from 2 - 9 p.m. on Wednesday, Sept. 9. The museum will screen the Academy Award nominee for Best Documentary Feature, "Complaints of a Dutiful Daughter" at 3 and at 5 p.m.

"POWER TO CHANGE": AN INTER-FAITH CONFERENCE ON DOMESTIC VIOLENCE takes place Thursday, September 3, from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the County Fair Building (formerly Hall of Flowers), in Golden Gate Park. The conference is targeted towards leaders in the religious community, including clergy, religious school educators, and responders to domestic violence, as well as survivors of domestic violence and domestic violence service providers. Conference registration is \$35 in advance, \$45 at the door. Fee includes continental breakfast, lunch and materials. For more information, call Judy Berman at San Francisco Neighborhood Legal Assistance Foundation, 415/982-1300 or David Lee at Support Network for Battered Women, 650/940-7864. The registration form and program can be found on the Web at www.snbw.org.

THE BUILDING INSPECTION COMMISSION is looking for members to serve on the Access Appeals Commission, an appeals body composed of five members, which hears written appeals brought by any person regarding actions taken by the Department of Building Inspection in the enforcement and the adaptability provisions of the Disabled Access Regulations. An applicant must be a resident of San Francisco. Please submit applications consisting of a letter of interest and resume to Maria Banico, Commission Secretary, Building Inspection Commission, at 1660 Mission Street, 6th Floor, San Francisco 94103. She may be contacted at 415-558-8164.

VALOR AND FREEDOM: On Wednesday, Sept. 30, at 6:30 p.m., Anthony Powell will lecture on the role played by African American soldiers before, during and after the Civil War, as African Americans struggled for freedom. This program is presented in conjunction with the exhibition "Free At Last: A History of the Abolition of Slavery in America", on display at the Skylight Gallery on the sixth floor of the Main Library.

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Composting, Telephone Books on Recycling Agenda

What do former State Senator Milton Marks, KRON reporter Henry Tenenbaum, garden author Pam Pierce, and 12,000 other San Franciscans have in common? They're all using low cost compost bins provided by the San Francisco Recycling Program. Twice a year, in cooperation with the San Francisco League of Urban Gardeners (SLUG), San Francisco residents are given the opportunity to buy \$90 Earth Machines for only \$19.50.

Your next opportunity to get a bin is on Saturday, September 19 at the Garden for the Environment — located at 7th Avenue and Lawton Street in the Sunset District. Bins will be offered from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on a first-come, first-served basis. Bins come with complete instructions. SLUG also offers free demonstrations at the sale as well as regular free workshops on composting.

If you don't have a back yard, you can still compost your food scraps in a Wiggly Wranch, which will also be available at the compost bin sale. This high quality worm bin, perfect for apartments, is available for only \$24.50. Call 285-7584 to receive free brochures, information on free workshops, and other information on composting.

There are 1.2 million of them, collectively they weigh more than six million pounds, and every household and

business will get a new one this month. What I'm referring to, of course, are the new telephone books, which arrive in San Francisco every September. With the arrival of new directories, more than one million old books become obsolete. Old telephone directories don't need to end up in the trash, however. They are easily recycled into new telephone books, cereal boxes, building insulation or one of many other paper products.

If you have curbside recycling service, you can just put the phone books in a paper bag with your other paper recyclables and put them out with your blue bin. If you live in an apartment building with central recycling bins, you can put the phone books in the gray recycling bin for paper. If you live in an apartment building without recycling, you can take your books to a recycling center.

Call the San Francisco Recycling Program Hotline at 554-RECYcle (7329) for information on the center nearest you. Businesses can also call the hotline for collection options and a list of recycling centers that accept phone books.

This year, the new books contain an average of 40 percent recycled post consumer content. That means at least 40 percent of the material used to manufacture this year's tele-

phone books came from old newspapers, magazines, and yes, old telephone books. By including 40 percent recycled post consumer content in the books, Pacific Bell has saved 18,500 trees, 4.4 million kilowatt hours of energy and almost eight million gallons of water for San Francisco's books alone. Our goal this year is to recycle 2.5 million pounds of telephone books city-wide (that's half of all the phone books delivered in San Francisco).

San Franciscans are continuing to recycle at record rates. Recycling went up by almost three million pounds during the first half of 1998, up to a record 60 million pounds. Keep up the good work.

Finally, if you're connected to the Internet, you may wish to check out our web site. Located at www.sfreecycle.org, the site gives viewers a range of options for information about waste prevention and recycling at home, work or school. For example, in the home section, viewers can obtain environmental shopping tips, information about waste prevention during the holidays and a list of what's recyclable in San Francisco. In the school section, edu-

cators and students can get access to our latest newsletter, get listings of resources, play an interactive Recycling Heroes game and obtain information on how to set up a school recycling program. The site also provides background information about different recyclable materials.

I'm also interested in getting feedback, and will do my best to answer any recycling or related questions in future columns. Please email me at dassmann@sirius.com or write to me at the San Francisco Recycling Program, 1145 Market St., Suite 401, SF, CA 94103.

— David Assmann



UCSF Mission Bay Progress Report

Architects are working on the design of the first two buildings for the UCSF Mission Bay campus. We will come to the UCSF Community Advisory Group (CAG) and to the community at large for your feedback before the design is finalized. Originally scheduled for the September UC Board of Regents meeting, consideration of buildings 24A and 24B is now scheduled for their November meeting. It is also possible, however, that one or both buildings will be postponed further until the January agenda. The obvious benefit of these postponements is that there will be much more time for community feedback than previously expected.

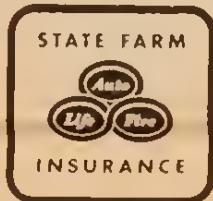
There are seven Community Advisory Group members from Potrero Hill: Janet Carpinelli, Phil DeAndrade, Enola Maxwell, Dick Millet, Ruth Passen, Paul Sherrill, and Oscaryne Williams. We encourage you to check in with them to discuss your ideas and concerns about the UCSF Mission Bay campus.

The CAG has met five times since November, and members of the public are always welcome to attend. However, CAG agenda items are not limited to Mission Bay. A subgroup of the CAG, the Mission Bay CAG Action Team (CAT), has formed to focus on Mission Bay.

If you would like to be added to the meeting notification mailing list for the CAG or the Mission Bay CAT, or if you would like more information, please feel free to contact UCSF Community Relations Manager Barbara Bagot-López at UCSF Box 0462, San Francisco CA 94143-0462; phone 415-476-3206.



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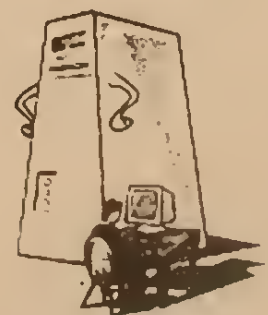
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Former Hiller Ferlinghetti City's First Poet Laureate

A former longtime resident of Potrero Hill has been named San Francisco's first Poet Laureate.

Lawrence Ferlinghetti who lived for many years on Wisconsin Street, was chosen by Mayor Willie L. Brown last month to fill the post, which has a one-year term.

Ferlinghetti, 79, who for many years has been co-owner of City Lights Bookstore and owner of City Lights Books Press, was everyone's choice to become the city's Poet Laureate. San Francisco is one of the few U.S. cities to establish such a position.

Although Ferlinghetti and his fellow beat poets of the 1950s and 1960s are traditionally associated with North Beach because City Lights is located there, as were many of the coffee houses where their poetry was read. A number of the poets had connections to Potrero Hill as well.

For example, a recent exhibition about the Beat Generation at the De Young Museum displayed a photograph of poet Allen Ginsberg, taken while he was living on Potrero Hill at the home of his friend and fellow poet Peter Orlovsky.



A scene from "Shuttlecock," to be featured at Jerry Barrish film retrospective.

Jerry Barrish's Sculpture, Film Slated in September

Local filmmaker, sculptor, bail bondsman and civil rights activist Jerry Barrish — whose studio is on Potrero Hill — has assembled a collection of sculpture from a disparate array of discovered objects. His sculpture is on view from Sept. 3-26 in an exhibit titled "Found Objects" in San Francisco's Bradford Smock Gallery, 251 Post St., Second Floor.

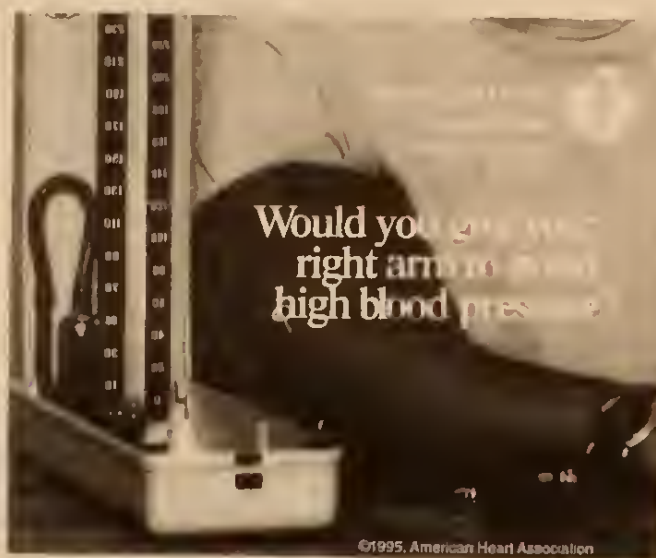
An opening reception is set for Thursday, Sept. 3 from 5-7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Emmie Smock or Robin Bradford at 677-0919.

Concurrently in September, a retrospective of Barrish's films is screening at

Yerba Buena Center for the Arts, 701 Mission St. on Saturday, Sept. 5, beginning with his 1989 film "Shuttlecock" at 8 p.m. and continuing Friday, Sept. 11 with a double feature: "Dan's Motel" (1981) at 8 p.m., followed by "Recent Sorrows" (1984) at 9:30 p.m.

Barrish will be on hand to answer questions at the Sept. 5 screening of "Shuttlecock," which stars Will Durst and premiered at the Mill Valley Film Festival.

For more information on the film retrospective, call 978-ARTS (2787).



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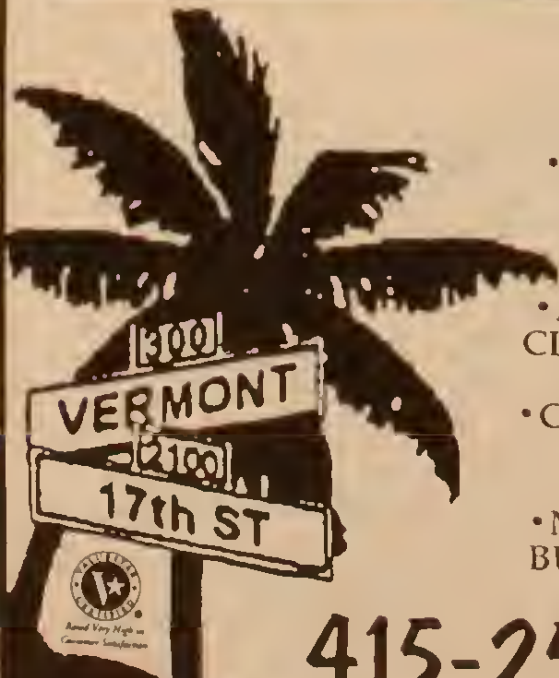
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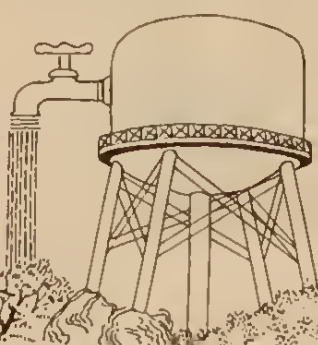
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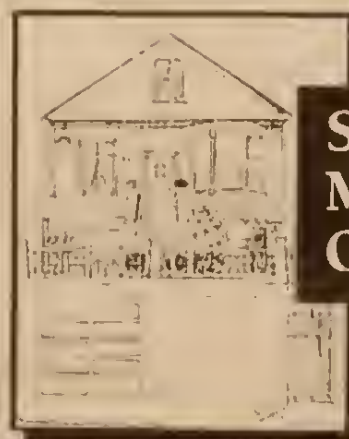
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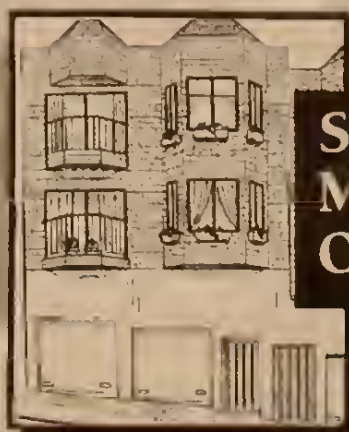
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